## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) A compound according to the general Formula (I)

$$\overset{Q}{\underset{R^2-X}{\bigvee}} \overset{R^1}{\underset{(CH_2)_m}{\bigvee}} \overset{(R^1)_q}{\underset{(CH_2)_m}{\bigvee}} \overset{(R^1)_q}{\underset{N-Alk-Y-Alk-L}{\bigvee}}$$

the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts thereof, the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, the *N*-oxide form thereof and prodrugs thereof, wherein:

n is an integer, equal to 1;
m is an integer, equal to 1;
p is an integer equal to 1 or 2;
q is an integer equal to 0;

Q is O;

X is a covalent bond;

each R3 independently from each other, is hydrogen or alkyl;

each  $R^1$  independently from each other, is selected from the group of  $Ar^1$ ,  $Ar^1$ -alkyl

and di(Ar1)-alkyl;

 $R^2$  is  $Ar^2$ ;

Y is a covalent bond or a bivalent radical of formula -C(=0)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>- >C=CH-R

or >C=N-R, wherein R is H, CN or nitro;

- each Alk represents, independently from each other, a covalent bond; a bivalent straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; or a cyclic saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon radical having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms; each radical optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms with one or more, phenyl, halo, cyano, hydroxy, formyl and amino radicals;
- L is selected from the group of hydrogen, alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, mono- and di(alkyl)amino, mono- and di(alkyloxycarbonyl)amino, mono- and di(alkylcarbonyl)amino, mono- and di(Ar³)amino, mono- and di(Ar³)amino, mono- and di(Het²)amino, mono- and di(Het²)amino, mono- and di(Het²)amino, alkylsulfanyl, adamantyl, Ar³, Ar³-oxy, Ar³carbonyl, Het², Het-oxy and Het²carbonyl;
- $Ar^l $$ is phenyl, optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents, each independently from each other, selected from the group of halo, alkyl, cyano, aminocarbonyl and alkyloxy;$
- Ar<sup>2</sup> is naphthalenyl or phenyl, each optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents, each independently from each other, selected from the group of halo, nitro, amino, mono- and di(alkyl)amino, cyano, alkyl, hydroxy, alkyloxy, carboxyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl and mono- and di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl;
- Ar³ is naphthalenyl or phenyl, optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents, each independently from each other, selected from the group of alkyloxy, Ar¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Ar¹alkyloxycarbonyl, Ar¹alkyloxyalkyl, alkyl, halo, hydroxy, pyridinyl, morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridinyl, morpholinylcarbonyl, pyrrolidinyl, amino and cyano;
- Het<sup>2</sup> is a monocyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group of pyrrolidinyl, dioxolyl, imidazolidinyl, pyrazolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, dithianyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperazinyl, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, 2H-pyrrolyl, pyrrolinyl, imidazolinyl, pyrazolinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, dioxazolyl, oxazolidinyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl,

pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl and triazinyl:

or a bicyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group of 2,3-dihydrobenzo[1,4]dioxine, octahydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine, benzopiperidinyl, quinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, chromanyl, benzimidazolyl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridinyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzisthiazolyl, benzisothiazolyl, benzofuranyl or benzothienyl; or the tricyclic heterocyclic radical 8,9-dihydro-4H-1-oxa-3,5,7a-triazacyclopenta[f]azulenyl; each radical may optionally be substituted with one or more radicals selected from the group of Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>1</sup>alkyl, Ar<sup>1</sup>alkyloxyalkyl, halo, hydroxy, alkyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, oxo, alkyloxy, alkylcarbonyl, Ar<sup>1</sup>carbonyl, mono- and di(alkyl)aminoalkyl, alkyloxyalkyl and alkyloxycarbonyl; and

alkyl is a straight or branched saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a cyclic saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms; optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms with one or more radicals selected from the group of phenyl, halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, formyl and amino.

2. (Previously amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is Ar<sup>1</sup>-alkyl;

 $R^2$  is  $Ar^2$ ;

Y is a covalent bond or a bivalent radical of formula -C(=0)-, -SO $_2$ -, >C=CH-R or >C=N-R, wherein R is CN or nitro;

- each Alk represents, independently from each other, a covalent bond; a bivalent straight or branched, saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; or a cyclic saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms; each radical optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms with one or more phenyl, halo and hydroxy radicals;
- L is selected from the group of hydrogen, alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, mono- and di(alkyl)amino, mono- and di(alkyloxycarbonyl)amino, mono- and di(alkylcarbonyl)amino, mono- and di(Ar³)amino, mono- and di(Ar³)alkyl)amino, mono- and di(Het²alkyl)amino,

alkylsulfanyl, adamantyl, Ar3, Het2 and Het2carbonyl;

Ar<sup>1</sup> is phenyl, optionally substituted with 1 or 2 halo radicals; Ar<sup>2</sup> is
naphthalenyl or phenyl, each optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3
substituents, each independently from each other, selected from the group of halo, alkyl and alkyloxy;

Ar<sup>3</sup> is naphthalenyl or phenyl, optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents, each independently from each other, selected from the group of alkyloxy, Ar<sup>1</sup>alkyloxycarbonyl, Ar<sup>1</sup>alkyloxyalkyl, alkyl, halo and evano:

Het2 is a monocyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group of pyrrolidinyl, dioxolyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, piperazinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, dioxazolyl, oxazolidinyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl and pyridazinyl; or a bicyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group of 2.3-dihydrobenzo[1,4]dioxine, octahydro-benzo[1,4]dioxine, quinoxalinyl, indolyl, chromanyl, benzimidazolyl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridinyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzofuranyl and benzothienyl; or the tricyclic heterocyclic radical 8,9-dihydro-4H-1-oxa-3,5.7a-triazacyclopenta[f]azulenyl; each radical may optionally be substituted with one or more radicals selected from the group of Ar1, Ar1alkyloxyalkyl, halo, alkyl, oxo, alkyloxy, alkylcarbonyl, Ar1carbonyl, mono- and di(alkyl)aminoalkyl, alkyloxyalkyl and alkyloxycarbonyl; and alkvl is a straight or branched saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 6

carbon atoms or a cyclic saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms; optionally substituted on one or more carbon atoms with one or more radicals selected from the group of phenyl, halo and hydroxy.

- (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is Ar<sup>1</sup>methyl and attached to the 2-position or R<sup>1</sup> is Ar<sup>1</sup> and attached to the 3-position.
- 4. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^2$ -X-C(=Q)-moiety is 3,5-di-(trifluoromethyl) phenylcarbonyl.

- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein Y is -C(=O)-.
- (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein Alk is a
  covalent bond.
- 8. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein L is Het<sup>2</sup>.
- (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1, selected from the group consisting of:

[2R-trans]-{2-benzyl-4-[4-(1-pyrazin-2-yl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(S)]]-1-(3-\{4-[2-benzyl-1-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzoyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-piperazin-1-yl\}-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-propan-1-one_a$ 

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(S^*)]-\{2-benzyl-4-[4-(1-cyclopropanecarbonyl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-piperidin-1-yl\}-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone_a$ 

[2R-trans]-enantiomer of {2-benzyl-4-[4-(1-cyclopropanecarbonyl-pyrrolidin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

2R-trans-(2-benzyl-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3.5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(R(R))]]-(2-benzyl-4-\{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl\}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,$ 

[2R-[ $2\alpha$ ,4 $\beta$ (S(R))]]-(2-benzyl-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

 $[2R-trans, R^*]-(2-benzyl-4-\{4-[1-(furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl\}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone_{a}$ 

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(R)]]-(2-benzyl-4-\{4-[1-(5-methyl-thiophene-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone<sub>3</sub>$ 

[2R-trans]-(2-benzyl-4-{4-[1-(3-hydroxymethyl-thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(S)]]$ -(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(4-hydroxy-butyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone<sub>3</sub>

[(2R-trans),(S)]-1-(3-{4-[1-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzoyl)-2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-piperidin-4-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-propan-1-one

trans-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-[4-{4-[1-(2-chloro-benzoyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-piperidin-1-yl]-methanone,

[(2R-trans),(S)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[(2R-trans), (R)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(thiophene-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone<sub>4</sub>

[(2R-trans), (R)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(furan-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

[(2R-trans), (S)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(furan-2-carbonyl)-pytrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone

[(2R-trans), (S), (R)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone.

[(2R-trans), (R)]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(pyrazine-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(R^*)]]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-\{4-[1-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl\}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,$ 

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(R^*(S^*))]]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-\{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl\}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,$ 

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(S^*(R^*))]]-\{3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-\{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl\}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,$ 

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(R^*(R^*))]]-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-\{4-[1-(tetrahydro-furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl\}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,$ 

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(\$^*)]]$ -(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-{4-[1-(furan-3-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-pipcrazin-1-yl}-pipcridin-1-yl)-methanone<sub>4</sub>

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(S^*)]]-\{3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-\{4-[1-(pytazine-2-carbonyl)-pytrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl\}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,$ 

 $[2R-[2\alpha,4\beta(S^*)]]-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(2-(3,4-difluoro-benzyl)-4-\{4-[1-(4-methyl-[1,2,3]thiadiazole-5-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl\}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone, and$ 

cis-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-(3-phenyl-4-{4-[1-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-3-yl]-piperazin-1-yl}-piperidin-1-yl)-methanone,

## 10. (Cancelled)

- 11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Currently amended) A method for treating schizophrenia, emesis, anxiety, depression, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), circadian rhythm disturbances, pain, neurogenic inflammation, asthma, micturition disorders such as urinary incontinence and nociception in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
- 14. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and, as active ingredient, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
- 15. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is intimately mixed with a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed claim 1.
- 16. (Original) A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula (I") in which an intermediate compound of Formula (II) is reacted with an intermediate compound of Formula (III), wherein the radicals R<sup>2</sup>, X, Q, R<sup>1</sup>, m, n, p and q are as defined in claim 1.

17. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula (I') in which a final compound of Formula (I") is reductively hydrogenated, wherein the radicals R<sup>2</sup>, X, Q, R<sup>1</sup>, m, n, p and q are as defined in claim 1.

- (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of a compound according to Formula (I') comprising the consecutive steps of
  - 1) obtaining a compound of Formula (I") according to claim 16;
  - 2) obtaining a compound of Formula (I') according to claim 17.